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To: All Employees

From: State Director

Subject: Management Strategy for National Monuments and National Conservation Areas  
in Arizona

DD: None

**Purpose:** This Instruction Memorandum (IM) transmits the Management Strategy for Arizona Bureau of Land Management (BLM) National Monuments (NM) and National Conservation Areas (NCA). The Management Strategy provides guidance for managing the NM's and NCA's over the next few years and particularly while management plans are being prepared for the areas.

**Background:** The NM's and NCA's are part of BLM's National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS). Arizona BLM manages five NM's and three NCA's in the NLCS. All but two NCA's were designated since early 2000. The challenges of this situation include managing the areas consistently and establishing operations to protect resources, provide visitor services, develop plans, and inform the public on the NM's and NCA's.

**Policy/Action:** Management strategies are established in eight categories: Outreach, Visitor Services and Safety, Resource Protection, Staffing, Operations, Facilities, Budget, and Planning. Actions are identified in the document to carry out the strategies. The Management Strategy is posted on the Internet at [http://azweb.azso.blm.gov/nlcs\\_strat.pdf](http://azweb.azso.blm.gov/nlcs_strat.pdf)

**Time frame:** This IM is effective immediately.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** None

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